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1. The Aquifera Water Company in Bucharest has a concession to supply drinking water for the oil workers and general population of Moreni and Gura Ocritei, and water for the steam installations of some oil companies operating there. Some larger companies have their own pumping installations.
2. The pumping station at Moreni is near the Prahova River, about three kilometers from the Moreni railroad station. It consists of a concrete basin six by six meters in area and eight and one-half meters deep. It has two Dusseldorf vertical pumps with two 60 h.p. electric motors. The station supplies 50 cubic meters of water per hour at a pressure of 45 atmospheres. A four-inch pipe line, seven kilometers long, takes the water from the station into Moreni village and to the oil companies. The pipe line continues from Moreni for nine kilometers to Gura Ocritei. Half way between the two localities there are two 200 cubic meter reservoirs on a hill. There is a second pumping station on the Ialomita River, which has the same installations as those on the Prahova River. The two pumping stations are linked and work simultaneously.
3. Negotiations were in progress in 1950 for the sale of the privately owned Aquifera company to one of the Sovroms (probably Sovrompetrol). A price of eight million lei was agreed, which represented about half the estimated value. The Soviet general manager was to receive one million of this sum, but before final arrangements were made the company was nationalized and taken over by the State without any compensation being paid to the owner.

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